

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Dept. for WCD & SCs - Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Jagtial, Karimnagar District (now retired) – Certain irregularities in appointment of Watchman - Departmental proceedings initiated under Rule – 20 of the A.P.Civil Services [CCA] Rules 1991 – Certain charges proved – Punishment of another 5% cut in pension for a period of three years under Rule – 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980 – Imposed – Orders – Issued.

DEPT. FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DISABLED & SENIOR CITIZENS [ESTT. – A2]

G.O.Rt.No. 191

Dated 20th May, 2014

Read the following:-

01. Charge Memo.No.16182/E3/95, dated 02-11-1995 issued by the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
02. Explanation dated 12-08-1996 submitted by the Charged Officer.
03. Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Pros.No.16182/E3/95, dated 26-12-1996.
04. Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Procs.No.16182/E3/95, dated 11-09-1997.
05. Enquiry Officer and Joint Director [Progs.] O/o Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, report dated nil.
06. Show Cause Notice No.16182/E2/95, dated 19-04-2000 issued by the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
07. Explanation dated 18-05-2000 submitted by the A.O to the Show Cause Notice dated 19-04-2000.
08. From the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.No.16182/Vig.2/95, dated 04-04-2009.
09. G.O.Rt.No.304, WDCW & DW [Estt.A2] Dept. dt.05-10-2009.
10. G.O.Rt.No.245, WDCW & DW [Estt.] Dept. dt.30-06-2012.
11. Hon'ble A.P.A.T orders dated 15-03-2013 in O.A.No.492/2013.
12. Govt. Memo.No.3523/Estt.A2/2005-14, dated 22-06-2013
13. Written defense statement dated 19-08-2013 submitted by the Charged Officer to the SCN dated 22-06-2013.
14. Govt. Lr.No.3523/Estt.A2/2005-15, dated 26-12-2013 addressed to the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., Nampally, Hyderabad.
15. Secretary, A.P.P.S.C. Lr.No.226/RT/1/2014, dated 03-03-2014.

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ORDER: -

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, under Rule – 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Jagtial, Karimnagar District (now retired) by issuing of 19 articles of charges as mentioned therein on the ground of certain irregularities while making appointment to the post of watchman, as reported by the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, vide Letter 8th read above.

02. And whereas the Charged Officer has submitted her explanation vide reference read above, denying all the charges. Since the defence statement of A.O was not convincing, the P.A. to Commissioner, W.D & C.W., Dept., was appointed as E.O. vide reference 3rd read above. Since the earlier E.O had proceeded on leave, the Joint Director [Prog.], W.D & C.W was appointed as Enquiry Officer vide Procs. 4th read above as reported by the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, vide Letter 8th read above.

03. And whereas, the E.O. has submitted his report vide reference 5th read above and held that all the charges are proved After perusal of the Enquiry Report, the Director, had concluded that, out of 19 charges, the charges from Sl.Nos. 1-4 and

from 6-19 are held proved and charge – 5 has not proved, as reported by the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, vide Letter 8th read above.

04. And whereas, the Director, W.D & C.W., had issued a Show Cause Notice vide reference 6th read above to the A.O., proposing the punishment of reduction to a lower post. The A.O has submitted her explanation vide reference 7th read above, denying all the charges issued in the Show Cause Notice. The Charged Officer has retired from service on 31-07-2006, on attaining the age of superannuation, as reported by the Director, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, vide Letter 8th read above.

05. And whereas, in the reference 9th read above, while concluding the disciplinary proceedings in another Charge Memo. in respect of Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, pertaining to financial irregularities orders were issued imposing a penalty of 5% cut in the admissible pension for a period of five years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.90,230/- from her pensionary benefits. Further, Govt. vide reference read above, have accorded sanction for payment of provisional pension of Rs.8,550/- i.e. 75% of the normal pension fixed by the A.G., Rs.11,400/- to Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, Retired CDPO, pending finalization of the disciplinary cases against her.

06. And whereas, the Government after careful consideration of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a punishment under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, i.e. another 5% cut in pension for a period of three years in respect of Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Jagtial, Karimnagar District [now retired], for the charges held proved in the present disciplinary case, to run concurrently with the punishment already awarded as mentioned in para – 5 read above since the charges of irregularities, while making appointment to the post of Watchman are held proved by the Enquiry Officer vide his report 5th read above.

07. And whereas, the Hon'ble A.P.A.T in its orders dated 15-03-2013 in O.A.No.492/2013 vide reference 11th read above have directed the Government to inform the factual position i.e. whether the charges framed against the applicant have been dropped to release full pension and other pensionary benefits.

08. And whereas, the Government in the reference 12th read above have issued a Show Cause Notice to the Charged Officer, and directed her to submit her representation if any, on the action proposed to be taken against her as mentioned in Para – 6 read above.

09. And whereas, the Charged Officer in her explanation dated 19-08-2012 has denied the charges and requested to drop the charges and to pay the pensionary benefits. There is no merit / new grounds in the further explanation submitted by the Charged Officer to consider the same.

10. And whereas, the Government have examined the representation of the Charged Officer and decided to impose a punishment, under Rule-9 of the A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, i.e. another 5% cut in pension for a period of three years in respect of Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Jagtial, Karimnagar District [now retired], for the charges held proved in the present disciplinary case, to run concurrently with the punishment already awarded to her vide G.O.9th read above.

11. And whereas, the Government vide Letter 14th read above have forwarded a proposal to the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C to obtain and communicate the concurrence of the 'Commission' on the provisional decision taken by the Government as in Para – 10 above so as to conclude the disciplinary proceedings, pending against the Charged Officer.

12. And whereas, the Secretary, A.P.P.S.C., has informed the Government that the 'Commission' has agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the punishment of 5% cut in pension for a period of three years against the Charged Officer.

13. Now, the Government after careful consideration of the matter, under Rule – 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980, hereby impose a punishment of another 5% [five percent] cut in pension for a period of three years in respect of Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Jagtial, Karimnagar District [now retired].

14. This order issues with the concurrence of A.P.P.S.C vide their Letter 15th read above.

15. The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad, is requested to take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

[BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH]

NILAM SAWHNEY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Smt.V.Sarojini Devi, former CDPO, Jagtial, Karimnagar District [now retired], through
the Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
The Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Hyderabad.
The Accountant – General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.

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